MBTA Communities Multi-Family Zoning Requirements

Select Board Update
January 24, 2023





Updates from Final Guidelines

Reasonable Number of Units/District Unit Capacity

Guidelines require the district to allow for a reasonable number of multifamily housing units. Unit capacity is related to the total number of housing units within the community and the type of transit service.

Category	Minimum units as % of total housing
Rapid transit community	25%
Bus service community	20%
Community rail community	15%
Adjacent community	10%

Appendix 1 MBTA Community Categories and Requirements

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Community \$	Community category	2020 Housing Units	Minimum multi- † family unit capacity*	Minimum † land area**	Developable station area***	% of district to be † located in station † area	
Hingham	Commuter Rail	9,930	1,490	50	757	75%	

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Updated Compliance Calendar

May 2, 2022

- ✓ Hold Briefing with Select Board
- ✓ Submit MBTA Community Information Form to DHCD to maintain interim compliance
- ✓ Submit updated parcel data to MassGIS

August 10, 2022

✓ DHCD issues Final Compliance Guidelines (Modified October 21, 2022)

November 22, 2022

✓ DHCD releases Compliance Model and Guidance Materials

January 31, 2023

- ✓ Analyze current zoning for compliance with Final Guidelines
- Develop Action Plan for zoning amendments and submit to DHCD to maintain interim compliance

December 31, 2024

- Initiate zoning amendments
- Hold public hearing/s
- Town Meeting action
- Submit District Compliance Application to DHCD

Action Plan Form to DHCD Submission Requirements

Identification

- Category
- Capacity
- Contacts
- Core Team Identification

Housing Overview

- Established Housing Goals/Strategies from Established Plans
- Work Accomplished to date

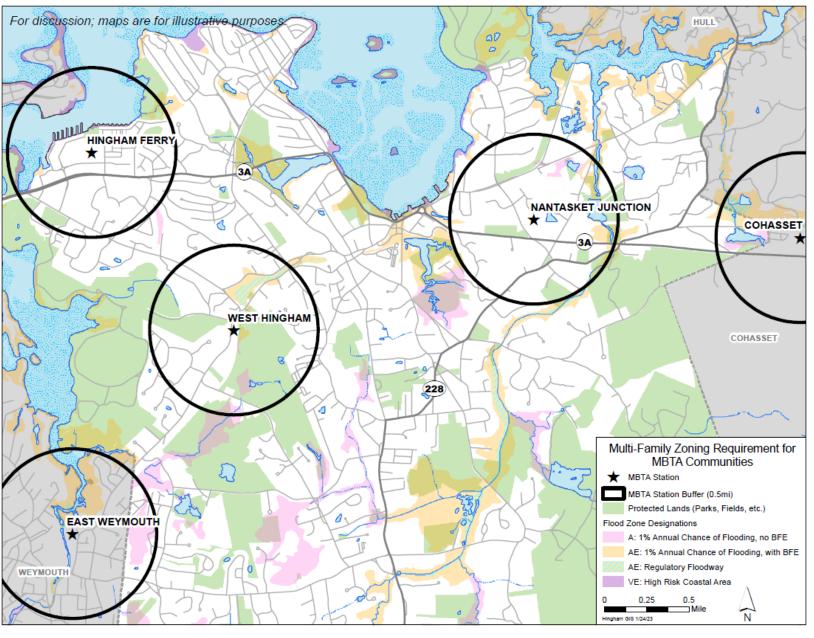
Preliminary Zoning Strategies

- Zoning Strategy (Existing, <u>Amended</u>, <u>New Overlay</u>, or New Base District)
- Identify Changes that may be Necessary
- Identify Potential District Location(s)

Action Plan Timeline

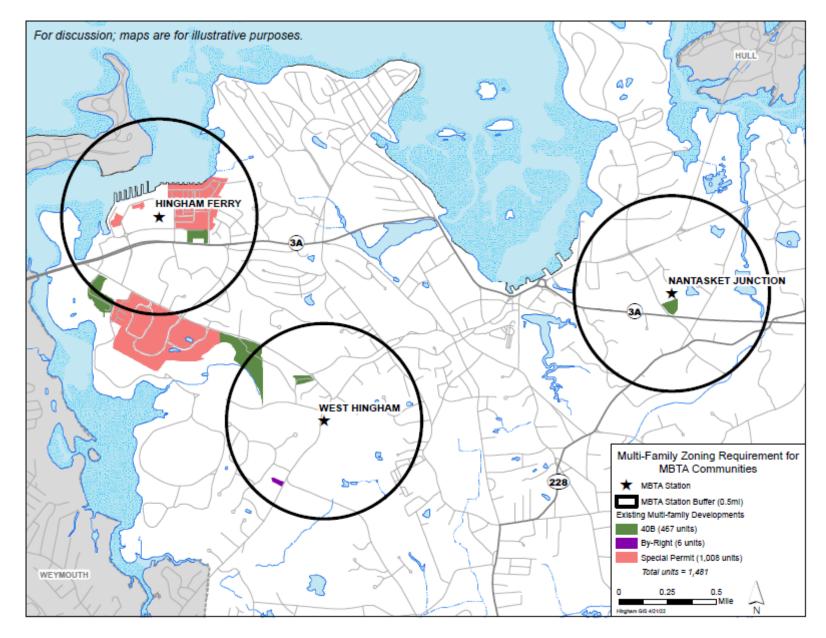
- Tasks Necessary to Amend Zoning
- Proposed Start and Finish Dates

Potential District Locations



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Impact of Noncompliance

MGL Ch. 40A, s. 3A

- (b) An MBTA community that fails to comply with this section shall not be eligible for funds from:
- (i) the Housing Choice Initiative as described by the governor in a message to the general court dated December 11, 2017;
- (ii) the Local Capital Projects Fund established in section 2EEEE of chapter 29; or
- (iii) the MassWorks infrastructure program established in section 63 of chapter 23A.

Draft Guidelines

DHCD may, in its discretion, take non-compliance into consideration when making other discretionary grant awards.

Potential Effect on Hingham

- 2020 Housing Choice Capital Grant
- 2021 Rapid Recovery Planning Grant
- No MassWorks funding in past 5 years